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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Qasba, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/780,653  
Filed: February 9, 2001  
For: Production of Megakaryocytes by the Use of Human  
Mesenchymal Stem Cells  
Group: 1632  
Examiner: Voitach

Commissioner for Patents  
Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

SIR:

This is an Amendment in response to the Final Rejection mailed January 13, 2004.

A. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 6-8 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 4 and 5 have been amended.